



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS  
SOMERVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**JOSEPH A. CURTATONE  
MAYOR**

*NANCY A. BUSNACH*  
*CHAIR*

**MINUTES  
Thursday, December 11, 2014**

The Somerville Redevelopment Authority met on Thursday, December 11, 2014 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143.

Present from the Somerville Redevelopment Authority: Nancy Busnach (Chair), Iwona Bonney (Secretary), James McCarthy and William Gage. Also present were Eileen McGettigan as Special Counsel; Edward O' Donnell, Director of Economic Development, OSPCD; and Sunayana Thomas, Senior Economic Development Planner, OSPCD.

Nancy Busnach, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Approval of Minutes:

**Vote:** Approve the November 13, 2014 minutes.

- Motion to approve made by Nancy Busnach and seconded by William Gage.
- Unanimously approved.

2. Update on Assembly Square

- Edward O' Donnell presented an update on Assembly Row and Partners HealthCare groundbreaking, which was held on December 1st. OSPCD is continuing to pursue its planning efforts to update the Urban Renewal Plan 2002 to address the other half of the existing urban renewal area (URA), which includes the office building and the vacant movie theatre. OSPCD is currently in the process of requesting additional funding from the Aldermen for the Urban Renewal Plan.
- SRA member William Gage asked whether K-mart and Home Depot were a part of the urban renewal area.
- Ed O' Donnell clarified that K-mart, Home Depot, the courthouse and everything in between Middlesex Ave and Boston; which is roughly 129 acres of underutilized land is a part of the URA.
- Edward O' Donnell also noted that new restaurants and outlets are continuing to open in Assembly Row. Paul's Bakery opened on November 21<sup>st</sup> and Tony C's Bar & Grill is scheduled for December 28, 2014 on Block 2.



3. Update on Union Square

- Edward O' Donnell presented an update on Union Square. Five of the seven buildings on the D-2 block have been demolished. Between remediation and demolition, the site will be ready for the T by the end of the year.

4. Other Business

- Next meeting of the SRA is scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at Somerville City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, OSPCD.

Motion to adjourn by Iwona Bonney and seconded by William Gage. Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.